

Today, I joined with 259 of my colleagues in [voting](#) to override the President's veto the Children's Health Insurance Program. The legislation would have increase insurance access from 6 million to 10 million uninsured children while being funded through an increase on tobacco products.

This is the fifth time I have voted in favor of expanding the program. Unfortunately, we were 15 votes shy of the two-thirds majority necessary to override the President's veto. Children's health care should not be a contentious issue. It's my hope that the next version we consider musters enough support to become law.